

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Report Printing

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of?
2. If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal

Answer:

1. During this period 13 documents were recycled or disposed.
2. These documents were identified for disposal as part of the regular process of reducing stock no longer in demand. These documents were printed over the last 12 years and the effort to provide costs would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources. Disposal is approved by the Assistant Secretary, Communications Branch in consultation with the relevant policy area.